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Mr. Bharat Mathur
Acting Regional Administrator
U. S. Environmental Protection Agency
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Re: Lead Maintenance Plan Update for Marion
County, Indiana

Dear Mr. Mathur:

The Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) submits the enclosed Lead Maintenance Plan Update for Marion County, Indiana. This submittal demonstrates that Marion County, Indiana has remained well below the 1978 Lead National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS) and should remain designated as attainment of the standard.

On November 6, 1991, the United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) designated a small portion of Franklin Township, Marion County, Indiana as a primary nonattainment area for lead under Section 107 of the Clean Air Act (CAA) (56 FR 56694). On the same date, U.S. EPA designated a small portion of Wayne Township, Marion County, Indiana as an unclassifiable area for lead. Section 107(d)(3)(E) of the CAA states that in order for a county to have its status redesignated to attainment, it must meet several requirements established by U. S. EPA. These are:

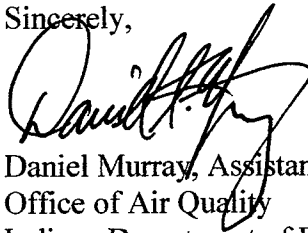
1. Ambient monitoring data showing that the county has met the NAAQS for the past three years.
2. Air quality improvements that can be attributed to reductions in lead emissions which are permanent and enforceable.
3. A maintenance plan that assures continued attainment of the standard.

On March 2, 2000, IDEM submitted a Redesignation Request and Maintenance Plan for the Marion County lead nonattainment areas. U. S. EPA approved the Redesignation Request and Maintenance Plan on May 10, 2000 (65 FR 114223), with an effective date of July 10, 2000. Section 175A of the CAA sets forth the elements of a maintenance plan for areas seeking redesignation from nonattainment to attainment. As part of the original Redesignation Request and Maintenance Plan, IDEM committed to review and, if necessary, revise the Maintenance Plan eight years after the areas were redesignated to attainment of the lead NAAQS. The submittal of this update satisfies that commitment.

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IDEM requests that U. S. EPA approve the Lead Maintenance Plan Update for Marion County, Indiana. If you have any questions regarding this submittal, please contact Mr. Scott Deloney, Chief, Air Programs Branch at (317) 233-5694 or sdeloney@idem.IN.gov.

Sincerely,



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